

## DIES ON "L" STAIRS

Jersey Physician Identified by Card of Banker's Wife.

## HAD PREMONITION, SHE SAYS

Man of Same Name in Somerville Had Police Record for Theft and Drunkenness.

Dr. John H. Kennedy, a physician of Hight street, Somerville, N. J., became suddenly ill on the steps of the 129th street station of the Third Avenue "L" late yesterday afternoon and died in the arms of a patrolman and a motorman before a physician from the Harlem Hospital arrived.

In his pocket was found a card of Mrs. Walter L. Burckett, of No. 201 West 108th street, wife of one of the vice-presidents of the State Bank. She identified Dr. Kennedy at the request of the police and said she would take charge of the body and see to its burial, although she said she was nothing more than a friendly acquaintance of the dead man.

Mrs. Burckett explained that she gave her card, which led to the police finding her, to the physician only two days ago, having a premonition that something might happen to him and believing it would be useful.

Although it was believed apoplexy was the cause of death, some tablets found in the pockets of the dead physician probably will be analyzed before the inquest.

Dr. Kennedy had ascended six steps of the stairs leading to the elevated station, when William McCombs, a motorman on the Third Avenue line, who was also on the stairs, saw him totter and fall backward. McCombs ran to the assistance of the stricken man, and called for help.

Patrolman Alfred McGrath, of the East 126th street station, heard the cry and ran to the foot of the elevated stairs, where McCombs was supporting Dr. Kennedy in his arms.

McGrath, after a glance at the man, called an ambulance from the Harlem Hospital and returned to assist McCombs, who was attempting to arouse the physician. The policeman and motorman applied all first aids they knew of, but Dr. Kennedy expired just as the ambulance, with Dr. De Sautele, drew up to the curb.

The body was taken to the East 126th street station. The clothing was searched there and numerous letters were found addressed to Dr. John H. Kennedy, and J. I. Kennedy, all at the Hight street address in Somerville. Mrs. Burckett's card with her address was found with the letters, so a patrolman went to her house and escorted her to the station, where she identified the body.

Mrs. Burckett said she had not seen Dr. Kennedy since Thursday, and it was on that occasion that she gave him her card, insisting it might be useful, if anything happened to him. He laughed, she said, but took the card and put it in his pocket. She then told Lieutenant Thomas Walsh that all the physician's relatives lived in Maine, and that she would take charge of the body and see that it was given a proper burial.

In addition to the letters and the card, Dr. Kennedy's pockets contained 22 cents and the box of tablets.

Inquiries for Mrs. Burckett at her home last night were met by her husband. He said he had known Dr. Kennedy, who was about thirty-five years old, two years, having met him through Mrs. Burckett, and, aside from knowing that he was a graduate of Bowdoin College, knew nothing of his personal life.

"The first I heard of Dr. Kennedy's death," said Mr. Burckett, "was when some one called me in my office and informed me that Walter L. Burckett had dropped dead on the steps of the 'L' uptown. Of course, I naturally denied the report of my own death, and it was then that Mrs. Burckett was called upon to identify Dr. Kennedy."

Somerville, N. J., April 13.—A man known to the police as Dr. John Kennedy was arrested here about six months ago for breaking into the house of H. F. Gillespie, at bound Brook. After his release from jail he was found in a room in John Hulsizer's house, in Hight street. About a week ago he was again taken into custody for taking a considerable amount of whiskey from a hotel run by William J. Simmons, at East Millstone. On the third offense he was held for examination by the grand jury, but the jury has since adjourned without action, so far as can be learned.

Some of the friends of the man living at South Somerville agreed to take care of him. It was said that he was addicted to the use of alcohol, and that while under its influence he was led to commit the depredations for which he was jailed.

Kennedy was released from the Somerset County jail last Thursday, the day on which Mrs. Burckett said she saw him last. It was stated at the jail last night that the Burcketts were the friends who agreed to look out for him.

They told the prison authorities, according to the story, that his mother was living in Maine, where he enjoyed a large practice before his weakness deprived him of it.

## PRINCETON ENGINEERS MEET

Organization Effected at Clubhouse of University.

Seventy-five graduates of the Engineering School of Princeton University met at the Princeton Club last night to organize the Princeton Engineering Association.

After a dinner, addresses were made by Professor Charles McMillan, senior professor in the school; Dean Henry B. Fine, of the university, and George S. Rice, first president of the Harvard Engineering Society.

William P. Field, of Newark, N. J., was elected president; Wilbur Fiske, vice-president; of the Hudson & Manhattan Railway Company, was chosen vice-president, and Charles H. Higgins, of Jersey City, secretary and treasurer.

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## SERVICE LAW AMENDED

Dix Signs Bill Giving More Power to Commissions.

[By Telegraph to the Tribune.] Albany, April 13.—The bill of Senator Pollock, which the Assembly passed in spite of a resolution of the Senate recalling it, was signed by Governor Dix today. The bill gives to the Public Service commissions jurisdiction over the reorganization of Public Service corporations, and was designed to meet a recent decision of the Court of Appeals in the Third Avenue Railroad case.

It was drawn by Judge Hale, counsel for the 24 District Commission, and almost caused a breach between the two commissions. The 1st District Commission opposed the bill on the ground that it gave to reorganized bankrupt corporations the right to capitalize their franchises. It was at the request of the 1st District Commission that the Senate passed the resolution withdrawing the bill from the Assembly.

Members of the 24 District Commission, however, had persuaded the Assembly leaders that under the bill the reorganization of franchises was not possible, except where they had a real, intrinsic value, and for no more than that value. Senator Pollock introduced another bill later to meet the objections of the 1st District Commission, but it is understood that that body finally withdrew its opposition to the original bill and the second measure was not pressed.

## CAN'T BE BURIED IN ARLINGTON

Records Show Clara Barton Never Enlisted as an Army Nurse.

Washington, April 13.—The body of Clara Barton, founder of the American Red Cross, who died yesterday at Glen Echo, Md., cannot be buried in Arlington National Cemetery without a special act of Congress. Friends who had started a movement for such a burial partly searched the War Department records to-day, and could not find that Miss Barton ever had been enlisted as an army nurse. The law permits only such nurses to be buried at Arlington.

The burial will take place at Oxford, Mass., as was originally planned. Short services will be held at Glen Echo, Md., to-morrow, after which the body will be taken East.

Among the scores of messages of condolence which were received to-day at the Barton home was one from the venerable Grand Duchess Louise of Baden, daughter of Emperor William I and aunt of the present Emperor of Germany. The friendship between the grand duchess and the Red Cross nurse, formed forty-two years ago on the fields of the Franco-Prussian War, had been continued ever since through frequent exchange of letters.

After expressing grief at the loss of her friend, the grand duchess added: "Faithful gratitude follows her forever."

## METROPOLITAN PILOTS DINE

Opera House Ushers Hear Vaudeville Instead of the Classics.

The attendants of the Metropolitan Opera House, Louis Mayer, chief pilot, celebrated the close of the opera season last night with a dinner in the dungeon room of Healy's restaurant. It has been a long, exciting season, and some forty pilots and sub-pilots sat down to the dinner and told each other how glad they were that their nerve racking duties were over.

Among those who sat down on either side of the chief pilot were Al. Irwin, Willie Keen, Martin Ruggaber, Robert Beattie, Donald MacGregor, George Davidson, Jack Luddy, Howard Irwin, Walter Bone, Siegfried Buchholz and Walter Raleigh. There were a number of speeches, between which several vaudeville artists did their best to make the pilots forget that such names as Wagner, Verdi and Gluck had ever existed.

## MAN KILLED BY THIRD RAIL.

Hempstead, Long Island April 13 (Special).—Max Goldsmith, of No. 63 Morningside avenue, Manhattan, was killed near the railroad station here last night by stepping on the third rail. He was terribly burned on the face, hands and legs. The motor about a train out of Hempstead noticed the man of the track and stopped the train. Several of the crew attempted to pull the man from the rail, but were badly shocked, and telephoned to the power house at Jamaica and had the power shut off before the body could be removed.

## BIG HYDRO-AERO MEET

New York Contests on May 4 to Have Government Aid.

## MANY FLYERS TO COMPETE

One Course to Coney Island and Back, Another Round the Statue of Liberty.

Formal notice from the Navy Department at Washington, received yesterday by the Aero Club of America, that the department would co-operate practically rounds out the plans for what is designed to be the greatest hydro-aeroplane meet ever held in the world, scheduled for Saturday, May 4, in this city.

The meet will be conducted under the auspices of the Aero Club of America, and, in a sense, will be a certain-raiser for the aviation show which opens May 8 at Grand Central Palace.

For some weeks the executive committee for the meet, composed of W. Irving Twohmy, chairman; Otis Fenner Wood, Charles E. Spratt, Roger H. Whitman, Ludwell B. Alexander and Alfred Beers, has been quietly developing its plans, and is now able to promise a most interesting exhibition to the public. No gate money will be charged and no fees exacted, not even entrance fees from manufacturers or aviators.

The official headquarters on the day of the meet will be at the house of the Columbia Yacht Club, at 86th street and North River, and the course of the distance-speed contest, without passenger, will extend to a point opposite the house of the Atlantic Yacht Club at Sea Gate, Coney Island, and return.

The passenger carrying speed contest will be around the Statue of Liberty and return; and the winner will receive the Aviation Show Trophy, which has been given to the Aero Club of America by the International Exposition Company. The trophy is the magnificent statuette, "Aviation Giving Wings to Man," which won a gold medal at the Paris Salon of 1910.

The "blue ribbon" prize—that for the distance-speed contest—will be to hydro-aeroplane what the Gordon Bennett trophy is to aviation, and will carry with it, a substantial cash prize as well.

In addition to the events noted, the programme embraces bomb dropping upon the decks of real battleships, quick get-away contests, accurate alighting competition, capturing of free balloons, carrying orders for aerial scouts from battleships as in real warfare and returning information to battleships by means of special weighted message carriers.

Among the entrants are Harry N. Atwood, Frank C. Coffyn, Walter Brookings, George W. Beatty, Hugh Robinson and Grover C. Loening.

Hugh Robinson will fly the Curtiss machine with which he made a fine record at the recent Meacham meet. Atwood will appear in the hydro-aeroplane of his own design, the machine in which he expects to make his transatlantic flight immediately following the aero show. For Coffyn the Wrights are now building their later six-cylinder machine with muffled motor. The Curtiss company will have two entrants besides Robinson; the Burgess company and Curtis, of Marblehead, two, and the Max Army Machine Company now have under construction two machines of different types for the meet. Walter Brookings and George W. Beatty will compete with machines of their own design, while Loening will fly the first hydro-monoplane ever built, also a machine of his own design. The United States government will control and patrol the course.

The winning machines will get the places of honor at the aero show, which will throw open its doors on May 8. Rules governing the contest are now being formulated by Henry A. Wise Wood, chairman of the marine committee of the Aero Club of America, and will shortly be made public.

America is the father of the hydro-aeroplane, and this is not lost to view by the Aero Club, which is lending every effort to make the affair the greatest yet held.

## AEROPLANE PROVES STABLE

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longed to a wealthy woman in Sheridan Road, as did the diamonds. Both shoes and diamonds were returned. The maid attempted to thrust a \$1 bill into the hands of the cobbler, but he waved it aside, with the comment: "I'll be satisfied with being honest."